

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

November 19, 2007  
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Toni Nelson called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

TONI NELSON, Council President; DAN CLAWSON; DENIS LAW, Council President Pro Tem; MARCIE PALMER; DON PERSSON; RANDY CORMAN. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER TERRI BRIERE. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; SUZANNE DALE ESTEY, Economic Development Director; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; MICHAEL BAILEY, Finance and Information Services Administrator; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; CHIEF I. DAVID DANIELS and DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT VAN HORNE, Fire Department; COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Budget: 2008 Revenue  
Sources & Preliminary Budget

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Pro Tem Nelson opened the public hearing to consider the 2008 revenue sources and preliminary budget.

Finance and Information Services Administrator Bailey stated that in addition to the proposed 2008 Budget, which totals \$223 million, the property tax levy is also being considered. He indicated that staff recommends a one percent increase to the existing property tax base, and the addition of the new construction, annexation, and other improvements to the tax base to be levied in 2008 for property taxes.

Public comment was invited. There being none, it was MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED. (See page 396 for Committee of the Whole report.)

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2007 and beyond. Items noted included:

- \* The Renton Senior Activity Center will be open on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, for senior citizens to enjoy a day of social and recreational activities and a free holiday meal.
- \* The Renton Community Marketing Campaign was honored with a "Telly Award" for its production of the Renton marketing video.
- \* The City will be installing a water and sewer line project along Duvall Ave. NE between NE 8th St. and NE 12th St. beginning December 3.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: Giuliani -  
Aircraft Noise Complaint

John Giuliani, Sr. (Renton) noted the increase in noisy airplanes (trainers) flying over the Renton Hill neighborhood within the past two weeks, and explained that he has been unable to leave messages regarding the noise on the

Phone Line	<p>airport's aircraft noise complaint phone line as it is malfunctioning.</p> <p>MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ALLOW THE SPEAKER FIVE MORE MINUTES. CARRIED.</p> <p>Mr. Giuliani further noted that the City lacks control over the airport, saying that the Federal Aviation Administration ultimately controls the running of the airport.</p> <p>Stating that the City recently updated its phone messaging system, Chief Administrative Officer Covington apologized for the inconvenience and stressed that the problem with the aircraft noise complaint line will be fixed.</p>
Citizen Comment: Gitchel - T-Mobile Monopole Placement, SE 3rd Pl, CU-07-065	<p>Chuck Gitchel (Renton) spoke on the topic of T-Mobile's proposal to place a cell phone tower at SE 3rd Pl. near his house. He recalled a past proposal for the placement of a cell phone tower at a more suitable location on Union Ave. that was denied due to the Seattle Public Utility-owned property being less than one acre in size. Mr. Gitchel asked that the ordinance regulating the siting of monopoles be reviewed, and recommended the removal of the one-acre requirement.</p> <p>Councilmembers Corman and Law expressed interest in reviewing the ordinance. In response to Council inquiries, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Zimmerman confirmed that T-Mobile is appealing the City's denial of its conditional use permit to place a tower at SE 3rd Pl. Regarding the placement of a tower on the Seattle Public Utility-owned property, Mr. Zimmerman confirmed that the request did not meet the one-acre requirement, and he explained that there is no variance provision in City Code in this particular instance.</p>
Citizen Comment: McOmber - Highlands Community Association	<p>Howard McOmber (Renton) reported that the Highlands Community Association's Emergency Preparedness Workshop was well attended and successful. Additionally, he announced that a Christmas party will be held at the Highlands Neighborhood Center on December 16. Councilmember Palmer also commented on the success of the workshop, noting that a Spanish language interpreter was available to assist attendees.</p>
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>	<p>Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.</p>
Council Meeting Minutes of 11/5/2007	<p>Approval of Council meeting minutes of 11/5/2007. Council concur.</p>
CAG: 95-087, King County Fire Protection District #25	<p>Administrative, Judicial and Legal Services Department and Fire Department recommended approval of an addendum to CAG-95-087, operating agreement with King County Fire District #25, to extend the term through 2009. Refer to <u>Public Safety Committee</u>.</p>
AJLS: Public Defender Services, Kameron C Cayce & Associates	<p>Administrative, Judicial and Legal Services Department recommended approval of an agreement with Kameron C. Cayce &amp; Associates for public defense services for the years 2008-2010. Refer to <u>Public Safety Committee</u>.</p>
Court Case: Cheryl J Austin & Jack Austin, CRT-07-014	<p>Court Case filed by Jay DeMers, Attorney-at-Law, on behalf of Cheryl J. Austin and Jack Austin who seek compensation for medical expenses and economic loss due to injuries sustained by Cheryl J. Austin as a result of an accident on 11/20/2004 at Shattuck Ave. S. and S. 7th St. allegedly due to obstruction of her field of vision due to signage for a construction project and negligent operation of the vehicle that collided into her vehicle. Refer to <u>City</u></p>

Attorney and Insurance Services.

Board/Commission: Municipal Arts Commission Revisions	Community Services Department recommended approval of the revisions to City Code regarding the Municipal Arts Commission including the development of a public art conservation plan and a five-year master plan for arts and culture, and clarification of the funding process for the 1% for Art Fund. Refer to <u>Community Services Committee</u> .
Plat: Zetterberg, S 21st St, FP-07-058	Development Services Division recommended approval, with conditions, of the Zetterberg Final Plat; nine single-family lots on 1.4 acres located at 755 S. 21st St. Council concur. (See page 397 for resolution.)
Planning: Highlands Study Area Zoning Correction, Monroe Ave NE	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department requested authorization to correct the zoning designation to Residential Multi-Family of a group of parcels located in the Highlands Study Area between Monroe Ave. NE and Olympia Ave. NE, south of NE 12th St. Refer to <u>Planning and Development Committee</u> .
EDNSP: 2007 Neighborhood Program Grants	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department reported submission of grant applications for the 2007 Neighborhood Grant Program (second round) and recommended funding two projects and three newsletters in the total amount of \$7,317. Refer to <u>Community Services Committee</u> .
Annexation: New Life - Aqua Barn, Maple Valley Hwy	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted 60% Petition to Annex for the proposed New Life - Aqua Barn Annexation and recommended a public hearing be set on 12/3/2007 to consider the petition; 374 acres located in the vicinity of Maple Valley Hwy. Council concur.
EDNSP: Boeing Pursuit of US Tanker Program, Supporting Resolution	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended adoption of a resolution supporting The Boeing Company's pursuit of the United States Tanker Program. Council concur. (See page 397 for resolution.)
Finance: Bond Issuance, Utility Capital Projects	Finance and Information Services Department recommended approval of a bond sale in the approximate amount of \$13.134 million that completes the sale of bonds to finance the cost of construction of various capital projects within the utility systems as provided by Ordinance 5313. Refer to <u>Committee of the Whole</u> .
Budget: 2007 Year-End Amendments	Finance and Information Services Department recommended approval of the 2007 year-end budget amendment ordinance in the total amount of \$4,141,991. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
Finance: Business Systems Analyst Hire at Step D	Finance and Information Services Department requested authorization to hire a Business Systems Analyst at Step D of the salary range. Council concur.
Airport: Pro-Flight Aviation Lease, LAG-99-002	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an addendum to LAG-99-002, airport lease with Pro-Flight Aviation, Inc., for a rent increase from \$11,700.08 to \$13,063.37 annually. Council concur.
Streets: Duvall Ave NE Closure, Road Improvements Project	Transportation Systems Division recommended a public hearing be set on 12/3/2007 to consider the temporary closure of Duvall Ave. NE/Coal Creek Parkway SE from NE Sunset Blvd. to SE 95th Way for roadway improvements. Closure to take place from February 2008 to February 2009, with exact dates dependent on work progress. Council concur.

Utility: NPDES Stormwater Permit, WA St DOE Grant

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology for a \$75,000 grant to assist the City in complying with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit. Council concur.

CAG: 06-107, 2006-2007 Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant, King County

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of an amendment to CAG-06-107, King County Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant interlocal agreement, which provides \$105,863 in funding to implement Special Recycling Events, the Natural Yard Care Program, ReUse It! Renton, and the Sustainable Collection Pilot. Council concur. (See page 398 for resolution.)

MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
Budget: 2008 Property Tax Levy, Golf Course Fees

Council President Nelson presented a Committee of the Whole report regarding adoption of ordinances related to the 2008 Budget for the property tax levy and golf course green fees.

**Property Tax Levy.** In lieu of a preliminary property tax worksheet from King County, an estimate for total general government property taxes of \$25,750,000 is based on \$500,000,000 in new construction. King County does not finalize the property tax estimate until near the end of December. In addition, the City requires a levy of \$510,000 for the purpose of paying debt service on voter approved bonds for senior housing. Therefore, the 2008 Budget estimate, assuming new construction of \$500,000,000 and property taxes of \$26,260,000, is recommended.

**Golf Course Green Fees.** The Committee recommended that certain golf course green fees be increased, and that a new "warm-up bucket" driving range fee be added.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinances regarding these matters be presented for first reading. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 398 for ordinances.)

AJLS: Benson Hill Communities Annexation, Budget Amend

Council President Nelson presented a Committee of the Whole report regarding the 2007 conditional funding for Benson Hill Communities Annexation costs. The Committee recommended that the adopted 2007 Budget be amended to authorize the Police, Human Resources and Risk Management, Community Services, and Planning/Building/Public Works departments to begin employment and purchasing activities related to the Benson Hill Communities Annexation, conditioned on its approval by voters and the Renton City Council.

Fund	2007 Budget Amendment	FTE Amendment
General Fund (000)	\$114,199	15.00
Parks Fund (001)	\$ 20,000	4.00
Equipment Repair & Replacement Fund (501)	\$411,500	0.00
Information Services Fund (503)	\$ 7,739	1.00
Total	\$553,438	19.00

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN

**Utilities Committee**

Utility: Final Water  
Conservation Goals

THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 398 for ordinance.)

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report regarding the water conservation goals. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to adopt the City's Water Use Efficiency Goals in compliance with the State Municipal Water Law. The Water Use Efficiency Goals are as follows:

- Reduce the distribution system leakage to ten percent or less by 2010.
- Limit the peak day water demand at 16.5 mgd (million gallons per day) until 2015.
- Continue reduction of average annual water use by one-half percent per year per connection.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Transportation (Aviation) Committee**

Development Services:  
Driveway Widths

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report regarding driveway width regulations. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to maintain current driveway width requirements and regulations within the City of Renton. These regulations are not too restrictive and provide sufficient width for all uses, including a wide range of flexibility for commercial driveway standards. No changes to the existing regulations for driveway widths are recommended at this time. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. Councilmember Persson noted that staff is investigating the possibility of flaring the driveways out, which does not affect the driveway widths.

**Finance Committee**

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 265983 - 266536 and three wire transfers totaling \$3,532,407.19; and approval of 272 Payroll Vouchers, two wire transfers, and 1,369 direct deposits totaling \$4,362,398.01. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Fire: Assistant Fire Marshal  
Hire at Step D

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the hiring of the Assistant Fire Marshal at Step D of the salary schedule (Grade M26), beginning 12/1/2007. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Community Services Committee**

Appointment: Municipal Arts  
Commission

Community Services Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in Mayor Keolker's appointment of Dalia Amin to the Municipal Arts Commission for a term expiring 12/31/2010 (previously held by Renne Saling). MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES****Resolution #3916**

Plat: Zetterberg, S 21st St, FP-  
07-058

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the Zetterberg Final Plat; approximately 1.4 acres located on S. 21st St. between Smithers Ave. S. and Talbot Rd. S. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

**Resolution #3917**

EDNSP: Boeing Pursuit of US

A resolution was read supporting The Boeing Company's pursuit of the United States Tanker Program. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PALMER,

Tanker Program, Supporting Resolution COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

**Resolution #3918**

CAG: 06-107, 2006-2007

Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant, King County

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the amendment to the King County Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant interlocal agreement, which provides for \$105,863 in funding to implement Special Recycling Events, the Natural Yard Care Program, ReUse It! Renton, and amends the Sustainable Collection Pilot. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 11/26/2007 for second and final reading:

Utility: 2008 Rates

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 2, Storm and Surface Water, Chapter 4, Water, and Chapter 5, Sewer, of Title VII (Health and Sanitation) of City Code to allow for adjustments to current utility rates. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/26/2007. CARRIED.

AJLS: Benson Hill Communities Annexation, Budget Amend

An ordinance was read amending Ordinance 5241 relating to the City of Renton fiscal year annual 2007 Budget regarding the Benson Hill Communities Annexation. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/26/2007. CARRIED.

Community Services: Maplewood Golf Course Fees

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 1, Fee Schedule, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code by increasing certain golf course green fees and adding a driving range fee. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/26/2007. CARRIED.

Budget: 2008 Property Tax Levy

An ordinance was read establishing the property tax levy for the year 2008 for both general purposes and for voter approved bond issues. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/26/2007. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and advanced for second and final reading:

Annexation: Marshall, Duvall Ave NE & NE Sunset Blvd

An ordinance was read annexing approximately 7.6 acres of property generally located between Anacortes Ave. NE, if extended, on the west and 132nd Ave. SE on the east, and NE 18th Pl., if extended, on the north; Marshall Annexation. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADVANCE THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5315**

Annexation: Marshall, Duvall Ave NE & NE Sunset Blvd

Following second and final reading of the above-referenced ordinance, it was MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Annexation: Marshall, R-8 Zoning

An ordinance was read establishing the zoning classification for approximately 7.6 acres, generally located between Anacortes Ave. NE, if extended, on the

west and 132nd Ave. SE on the east, and NE 18th Pl., if extended on the north, annexed within the City of Renton from R-4 (Urban Residential - four dwelling units per acre, King County zoning) to R-8 (Residential - eight dwelling units per net acre, Renton zoning); Marshall Annexation. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADVANCE THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5316**

Annexation: Marshall, R-8  
Zoning

Following second and final reading of the above-referenced ordinance, it was MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

**Ordinance #5317**

Finance: Impact Fees, Issaquah  
and Kent School Districts

An ordinance was read adopting the 2007 Issaquah School District Capital Facilities Plan, adopting the 2007-2008 to 2012-2013 Kent School District Capital Facilities Plan, changing the impact fee collection on behalf of the school districts within the City of Renton from \$6,136 per new single-family home to \$6,021 per new single-family home in the Issaquah School District, changing the impact fee collection on behalf of the Kent School District from \$4,928 per new single-family home to \$5,110, and implementing an impact fee of \$3,146 per new multi-family unit in the Kent School District. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5318**

Annexation: Merritt II, SE  
May Valley Rd & Coal Creek  
Parkway

An ordinance was read amending Ordinance 5142 by changing the timing for effectuating Phase II of the Merritt II Annexation to the City of Renton to 4/30/2008, or 30 days after awarding the contract for road improvements along Duvall Ave. NE, whichever comes first. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council: 2008 Council  
President Election (Palmer)

Mayor Pro Tem Nelson opened nominations for 2008 Council President. Councilmember Clawson nominated Councilmember-Elect King Parker. Councilmember Persson nominated Councilmember Marcie Palmer. There being no further nominations, Mayor Pro Tem Nelson closed the nominations. Following a vote, Councilmember Palmer was elected as 2008 Council President.

Council: 2008 Council  
President Pro Tem Election  
(Corman)

Mayor Pro Tem Nelson opened nominations for 2008 Council President Pro Tem. Councilmember Palmer nominated Councilmember Randy Corman. There being no further nominations, it was MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PALMER, NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED. CARRIED. Mayor Pro Tem Nelson announced that Councilmember Randy Corman was elected 2008 Council President Pro Tem by acclamation.

Public Works: Sidewalks on  
NE 10th St

Councilmember Persson reported a citizen complaint regarding the lack of sidewalks on NE 10th St., west of Duvall Ave. He referred the matter to the Administration.

Council: Committee on  
Committees

Council President-Elect Palmer reported that the Committee on Committees will be comprised of herself, Council President Pro Tem-Elect Corman, and Council President Nelson.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:11 p.m.

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Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann  
November 19, 2007